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The corrected primary structure of chicken (avian) pancreatic polypeptide.

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Chicken (avian) pancreatic polypeptide was the first member of the pancreatic polypeptide (PP)/neuropeptide Y (NPY) superfamily to be discovered and structurally-characterised. In this 36 amino acid residue, C-terminally amidated peptide, residues 22 and 23 were identified as Asp and Asn, respectively. However, sequencing of chicken PP using modern automated gas-phase sequencing technology has revealed that the original primary structure is incorrect in that residue 22 is Asn and that residue 23 is Asp. After digestion of chicken PP with endoproteinase Asp-N, fragments of chicken PP corresponding in molecular mass to residues 16-22 and 23-36, were unequivocally identified. The corrected primary structure of chicken PP is therefore: Gly-Pro-Ser-Gln-Pro-Thr-Tyr-Pro-Gly-Asp-Asp- Ala-Pro-Val-Glu-Asp-Leu-Ile-Arg- Phe-Tyr-Asn-Asp-Leu-Gln-Gln-Tyr-Leu-Asn-Val-Val-Thr-Arg-His-Arg-Tyr-NH₂.

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